

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: untitled.bmp

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1300545.001

Medium: Computer Image File

Publisher: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: The District Court At Timaru

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 08 July 2013

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: No notice of decision has been issued

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file is deemed to be objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes.

The image on the file shows a girl who appears to be in her mid teenage years posing for the camera with her thighs, buttocks and genital area shown in the foreground. Although she is clothed, the deliberate, open-legged display of her crotch presents as clearly sexual. The sole purpose of the image is sexual titillation or arousal. The image invites viewers to see underage girls as ready for sexual activity with adults and encourages a sexual interest in young people.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.